

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2

Report To:	Environment & Regeneration Committee	Date:	12 January 2017
Report By:	Chief Financial Officer and Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration and Resources	Report No:	FIN/116/16/AP/MMcC
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Subject:	Environment and Regeneration 201 to 31 October 2016	6/17 Revenu	e Budget – Period 7

1.0 PURPOSE

1.1 The purpose of this report is to advise the Committee of the 2016/17 Revenue Budget position at Period 7 to 31 October 2016.

2.0 SUMMARY

- 2.1 The revised 2016/17 budget for Environment and Regeneration is £19,126,000 which excludes Earmarked Reserves.
- 2.2 The latest projection, excluding Earmarked Reserves, is an overspend of £101,000, a decrease in spend of £83,000 since Period 5 Committee.
- 2.3 The major variances projected at Period 7 are:
 - i. A projected overspend on the Residual Waste Contract within the Refuse Transfer Station of £76,000 due to an increase in tonnages of waste treated.
 - ii. Turnover savings across the Committee of £115,000 due to delays in filling vacant posts.
 - iii. An underrecovery in Physical Assets rental income of £90,000 in line with previous years' outturn.
 - iv. An underrecovery in Planning/Building Standards income of £100,000 due to fewer than budgeted applications being received.
 - v. An underspend in the Corporate Director budget of £61,000 due to turnover savings and a recharge to RI.
- 2.4 Operational Earmarked Reserves for 2016/17 total £2,936,000 of which £1,321,000 is projected to be spent in the current financial year. As detailed in Appendix 4 expenditure of £74,000 (5.6%) has been incurred to Period 7, which is £344,000 under phased budget, mainly due to delays within the Repopulating/Promoting Inverclyde, Commonwealth Flotilla and Roads Defect and Drainage reserves. These areas are now progressing and it is anticipated that an improved expenditure position will be reported to the next Committee. More detail is provided in the Appendix.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 The Committee note the current projected overspend for 2016/17 of £101,000 as at 31 October 2016.
- 3.2 The Committee is asked to approve virement as detailed in Section 7 and Appendix 5.

- 3.3 The Committee note that there is a separate report on the agenda regarding the pressure in the Waste budget.
- 3.4 The Committee note the low levels of expenditure on Earmarked Reserves, but that delayed projects are now underway and it is anticipated an improved position will be reported to the next Committee.

4.0 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 The purpose of this report is to advise Committee of the current position of the 2016/17 budget and to highlight the main issues contributing to the projected overspend.
- 4.2 The revised 2016/17 budget for Environment and Regeneration, excluding earmarked reserves, is £19,126,000. This is an increase of £184,000 from the approved budget prior to transfers to earmarked reserves. Appendix 1 gives details of this budget movement.

5.0 2016/17 CURRENT POSITION

5.1 The current projection for 2016/17 is an overspend of £101,000.

5.2 Regeneration & Planning - £49,000 overspend

The current projected out-turn for Regeneration & Planning is an overspend of £49,000, an increase in projected spend of £19,000 since Period 5 Committee.

The main issues relating to the current projected overspend for Regeneration & Planning are detailed below and in Appendix 3:

(a) Employee Costs

There is a projected underspend of £95,000 due to turnover savings resulting from delays in filling vacant posts, an increase in projected spend of £19,000 since Period 5.

(b) Income

There is a projected underrecovery in income of £144,000, as previously reported, due to:

- i. A projected underrecovery in Commercial Industrial rental income of £44,000, due to a higher than budgeted level of voids in line with the 2015/16 outturn. In October the Committee approved the use of existing earmarked reserves to improve the Council's commercial portfolio and increase the likelihood of leasing the properties; this should help address the shortfall in future years.
- ii. A projected underrecovery of Building Standards fee income of £70,000 and Development Control income of £30,000, due to fewer than budgeted applications being received, as previously reported.

5.3 Property Services - £126,000 overspend

The current projected out-turn for Property Services is an overspend of £126,000, a minor decrease in projected spend of £1,000 since last Committee.

The main issues contributing to the current projected overspend for Property Services are detailed below and in Appendix 3:

(a) Employee Costs

There is a projected overspend of £108,000, £2,000 less spend than projected at Period 5, made up as follows:

- i. Cost of 1.5 additional Technical Services employees totalling £77,000; offset by additional fee income.
- ii. Turnover savings target projected to be underachieved by £31,000, a reduction in projected spend of £2,000 since Period 5.

(b) Administration Costs

There is a projected overspend of £143,000 due to agency worker costs within Technical Services; offset by additional fee income.

(c) Income

There is a projected overrecovery in income of £136,000, as previously reported, mainly due to:

- i. Additional Technical Services capital recharges income offset by increased employee costs and agency worker costs of £221,000.
- ii. Underrecovery of Physical Asset Rental income of £90,000. This is in line with the previous year's outturn and will be addressed as part of the budget process.

5.4 Environmental & Commercial Services - £13,000 underspend

The current projected out-turn for Environmental & Commercial Services is an underspend of £13,000, a reduction in projected spend of £82,000 since last Committee.

The main issues contributing to the current projected overspend for Environmental & Commercial Services are detailed below and in Appendix 3:

(a) Employee Costs

There is a projected underspend of £254,000, a reduction in spend of £72,000 from Period 5, mainly due to:

- i. Underspend in Cleaning of £109,000, due to the early achievement of productivity savings. This is a further reduction in spend of £33,000 from last period and is offset by reduced recharge income.
- ii. Underspend in Catering of £30,000, not previously reported, due to delays in filling vacant posts.
- iii. Turnover savings within Public Conveniences of £23,000 resulting from a vacant post, as previously reported.
- iv. Projected turnover savings within Roads Operational of £31,000, a further reduction of £10,000, due to delays in filling vacant posts.
- v. Underspend in Vehicle Maintenance Drivers' employee costs of £48,000, a reduction in spend of £30,000 from Period 5. These turnover savings are partially offset by additional agency costs as detailed below.
- (b) Supplies & Services

There is a projected overspend of £378,000, £88,000 more spend than was reported at Period 5, mainly due to:

- i. Overspends in Roads Operational Subcontractors and Materials of £36,000 and £151,000 respectively. These overspends are offset by additional income and are a result of additional capital works. This is £49,000 less spend than previously reported.
- ii. Roads Client rechargeable spend of £131,000; £86,000 more spend than last Committee; which is offset by additional income.
- iii. Overspends in Vehicle Maintenance Materials and Subcontractors of £58,000, not previously reported, due to increased Non Routine Maintenance. This overspend is offset by additional Vehicle Maintenance recharge income.

(c) <u>Transportation & Plant</u>

There is an underspend of £11,000, £94,000 less spend than was projected at Period 5, as a result of:

- i. An underspend in purchase of fuel of £36,000, as previously reported, offset by a reduction in recharge income.
- ii. Underspends in Fuel across the Client Services of £33,000 (in line with reduced spend per (i) above).
- iii. Overspend on Roads Operational external hires and non-routine maintenance of £35,000 and £42,000. This is £42,000 less spend than previously projected and is based on the current workplan. This overspend is offset by additional income.
- iv. Underspends in non-routine maintenance across the other Client Services (excluding Roads Operations) of £19,000. These underspends are mainly due the recent replacement of fleet.
- (d) Payments to Other Bodies

There is a projected overspend of £118,000 a reduction in spend of £38,000 from last Committee, due to:

- i. A projected overspend of £76,000 in the Residual Waste Contract. This is due to increased tonnages and is after virement of £130,000 as outlined in Section 7 and Appendix 5. This remaining pressure will be dealt with through the budget process.
- ii. Legal fees relating to a dispute with a former contractor amounting to £35,000, not previously reported.
- (e) <u>Income</u>

There is a projected overrecovery of £259,000, £35,000 less income than was projected at Period 5, made up as follows:

- i. An overrecovery of Roads Operational income of £230,000, in line with increased costs, per above. This is £112,000 less income than previously reported and is in line with the current work programme.
- ii. An overrecovery of Roads Client Rechargeable income of £131,000; offset by additional Supplies & Services spend.
- iii. An underrecovery of Cleaning income of £109,000, in line with reduced employee costs as outlined in 5.4(a)(ii).
- iv. Underrecovery of Fuel recharge income of £36,000, in line with reduced spend per 5.4(c)(i) above.
- v. Overrecovery of Non Routine Maintenance recharge income of £58,000, in line with increased costs, per 5.4(b)(iv) above.

5.5 Corporate Director - £61,000 underspend

The Corporate Director budget is projecting £61,000 under budget partially as a result of recharges to Riverside Inverciyde and partially turnover savings pending commencement of the new Corporate Director. The recharge to Riverside Inverciyde ceased on 19 September 2016.

6.0 EARMARKED RESERVES

6.1 There is a planned contribution of £2,443,000 to Earmarked Reserves in the current financial year. Appendix 4 gives an update on the operational Earmarked Reserves, ie excluding strategic funding models such as RI funding, AMP and Vehicle Replacement Programme. Spend to date on these operational Earmarked Reserves is £344,000 below phased spend. This is mainly due to delays within the Repopulating/Promoting Inverclyde, Commonwealth Flotilla and Roads Defect and Drainage reserves. Action has been taken to address this and bring spend back on phased budget by the year end.

7.0 VIREMENTS

- 7.1 The Committee is asked to approve virement as outlined in Appendix 5. This virement is reflected throughout the report and is requested to:
 - i. Realign the Parking budget in line with current expenditure and income.
 - ii. Use the resultant underspends in the Roads Client budget to partially offset the Refuse Transfer Station residual waste pressure.
 - iii. Use underspends in Facilities Management Janitors employee costs and Catering provisions to further offset the residual waste pressure.
- 7.2 This virement is discussed in the Waste Disposal Budget Pressure report later in the agenda. There remains an unfunded pressure of £76,000 in the Residual Waste contract that will be addressed as part of the budget process.

8.0 IMPLICATIONS

Finance

8.1 All finance implications are discussed in detail within the report above.

Financial Implications:

One off Costs

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	Budget Years	Proposed Spend this Report £000	Virement From	Other Comments
N/A					

Annually Recurring Costs/ (Savings)

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	With Effect from	Annual Net Impact £000	Virement From (If Applicable)	Other Comments
N/A					

Legal

8.2 There are no specific legal implications arising from this report.

Human Resources

8.3 There are no specific human resources implications arising from this report.

Equalities

8.4 There are no equality issues arising from this report.

Repopulation

8.5 There are no repopulation issues within this report.

9.0 CONSULTATIONS

9.1 The report has been prepared by the Chief Financial Officer in consultation with the Chief Executive.

10.0 CONCLUSIONS

10.1 The Committee is currently reporting an overspend of £101,000.

11.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

11.1 There are no background papers relating to this report.

Environment & Regeneration Budget Movement - 2016/17

PERIOD 7: 1st April 2016 - 31st October 2016

	Approved Budget		Mc	vements		Revised Budget
Service	2016/17 £000	Inflation £000	Virement £000	Supplementary Budgets £000	Transferred to EMR £000	2016/17 £000
Regeneration & Planning	4,698	(2)			(1,175)	3,521
Property Services	2,824	(44)	C)	(1,025)	1,755
Environmental & Commercial Services	13,716	222	8		(243)	13,703
Corporate Director	147					147
Totals	21,385	176	8	0) (2,443)	19,126

Supplementary Budget Detail

£000

External Resources

Internal Resources

Residual Waste Disposal Contract - inflationary increase funded from the Inflation Contingency	137
Waste Strategy MRF Contract - inflationary increase funded from the Inflation Contingency	77
Waste Strategy Composting Contract - inflationary increase funded from the Inflation Contingency	19
Various Services Gas - inflationary decrease returned to Inflation Contingency	(57)

Savings/Reductions

REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING REPORT

PERIOD 7: 1st April 2016 - 31st October 2016

Subjective Heading	Approved Budget 2016/17 £000	Revised Budget 2016/17 £000	Projected Out-turn 2016/17 £000	Projected Over/(Under) Spend	Percentage Variance %
Employee Costs	17,969	17,950	17,648	(302)	(1.68)%
Property Costs	4,955	4,922	4,930	8	0.16%
Supplies & Services	6,249	6,215	6,593	378	6.08%
Transport Costs	2,294	2,293	2,282	(11)	(0.48)%
Administration Costs	512	526	687	161	30.62%
Payments to Other Bodies	9,711	10,059	10,177	118	1.17%
Income	(20,305)	(20,396)	(20,647)	(251)	(1.23)%
TOTAL NET EXPENDITURE	21,385	21,569	21,670	101	0.47%
Transfer to Earmarked Reserves *	0	(2,443)	(2,443)	0	0.00%
TOTAL NET EXPENDITURE EXCLUDING EARMARKED RESERVES	21,385	19,126	19,227	101	0.53%

Objective Heading	Approved Budget 2016/17 £000	Revised Budget 2016/17 £000	Projected Out-turn 2016/17 £000	Projected Over/(Under) Spend	Percentage Variance %
Regeneration & Planning	4,698	4,696	4,745	49	1.04%
Property Services	2,824	2,780	2,906	126	4.53%
Environmental & Commercial Services	13,716	13,946	13,933	(13)	(0.09)%
Corporate Director	147	147	86	(61)	(41.36)%
TOTAL NET EXPENDITURE	21,385	21,569	21,670	101	0.47%
Transfer to Earmarked Reserves *	0	(2,443)	(2,443)	0	0.00%
TOTAL NET EXPENDITURE EXCLUDING EARMARKED RESERVES	21,385	19,126	19,227	101	0.53%

* Per Appendix 3: New funding transferred to earmarked reserves during 2016/17

REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING REPORT

MATERIAL VARIANCES

PERIOD 7: 1st April 2016 - 31st October 2016

<u>Out Turn</u> <u>2015/16</u> <u>£000</u>	Budget Heading	Subjective Head	<u>Budget</u> 2016/17 <u>£000</u>	Proportion of Budget £000	Actual to 31-Oct-16 £000	Projection <u>2016/17</u> <u>£000</u>	<u>(Under)/Over</u> <u>Budget</u> <u>£000</u>	Percentage Variance <u>%</u>
1,162 954	REGENERATION & PLANNING Economic Development Planning	Employee Costs Employee Costs	855 928		473 462	815 887	(40) (41) (81)	(4.68)% (4.42)%
(638) (342) (268)	Commercial & Industrial - Rent Planning - Building Standards Fee Income Planning - Development Control Income	Income Income Income	(661) (328) (261)	(191)	(285) (141) (162)	(617) (258) (231)	44 70 <u>30</u> 144	(6.66)% (21.34)% (11.49)%
1,029	PROPERTY SERVICES Technical Services	Employee Costs	842	466	516	964	122 122	14.49%
157	Technical Services - Agency Staff	Administration	0	0	72	143	143 143	
(1,200) (87)	Technical Services - Recharges to Capital Physical Assets - Rent	Income Income	(758) (172)		(268) (55)	(979) (82)	(221) 90 (131)	29.16% (52.33)%
1,748 1,824 76 767 580	ENVIRONMENTAL & COMMERCIAL SERVICES Cleaning Catering Public Conveniences Roads Operations Vehicle Maintenance - Drivers	Employee Costs Employee Costs Employee Costs Employee Costs Employee Costs	1,788 1,889 95 780 626	1,045 53 432	952 1,014 41 377 321	1,679 1,859 72 749 578	(109) (30) (23) (31) (48) (241)	(6.10)% (1.59)% (24.21)% (3.97)% (7.67)%
238 191 503 281 1,802 216 104	Building Services - Direct Purchases Building Services - Subcontractors Roads Client - Rechargeable Works Roads Operational Account - Subcontractors Roads Operational Account - Materials Vehicle Maintenance - Non Routine Maintenance Materials Vehicle Maintenance - Non Routine Maintenance Sub Contracto	Supplies and Services Supplies and Services Supplies and Services Supplies and Services Supplies and Services Supplies and Services Supplies and Services	164 220 0 235 1,525 176 96	128 0 137 890 103	140 50 131 195 1,026 149 80	190 131 271 1,676 200	30 (30) 131 36 151 24 34 376	18.29% (13.64)% 15.32% 9.90% 13.64% 35.42%

APPENDIX 3

REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING REPORT

MATERIAL VARIANCES

PERIOD 7: 1st April 2016 - 31st October 2016

<u>Out Turn</u> <u>2015/16</u> <u>£000</u>	<u>Budget</u> <u>Heading</u>	Subjective Head	<u>Budget</u> 2016/17 <u>£000</u>	Proportion of Budget £000	Actual to <u>31-Oct-16</u> <u>£000</u>	Projection 2016/17 £000	<u>(Under)/Over</u> <u>Budget</u> <u>£000</u>	Percentage Variance <u>%</u>
453 334 402 85	Vehicle Trading Account - Fuel Purchases Environmental Services (excl Roads) - Fuel Recharges Roads Operational Account - External Hires Roads Operational Account - Non Routine Maintenance	Transport & Plant Transport & Plant Transport & Plant Transport & Plant	498 363 305 26	207 214 178 15	203 186 211 33	462 337 340 68		(7.16)% 11.48% 161.54%
2,523 19	Refuse Transfer - Waste Disposal Roads Client - Legal Fees	PTOB Other Expendture	2,725 0	1,466 0	1,510 35	2,801 35	76 35 111	
(755) (3,147) (503) (1,820) (454) (261)	Roads Operational Account - Revenue Roads Operational Account - Capital Roads Client - Recoveries Cleaning - Recharges Vehicle Maintenance - Fuel Recharges Income Vehicle Maintenance - Non Routine Maintenance Recharges	Income Income Income Income Income Income	(770) (2,705) 0 (1,928) (495) (154)	(449) (1,578) 0 (1,126) (289) (90)	(345) (1,748) (131) (1,058) (248) (116)	(459)	(203) (131) 109 36	
91 Total Materia	Corporate Director	Employee Costs	141	78	68	80	(61) (61) 123	(43.26)%

APPENDIX 3

EARMARKED RESERVES POSITION STATEMENT

COMMITTEE: Environment & Regeneration

Project	<u>Total</u> <u>Funding</u> 2016/17	Phased Budget <u>To Period 7</u> <u>2016/17</u>	<u>Actual</u> <u>To Period 7</u> <u>2016/17</u>	Projected Spend 2016/17	Amount to be Earmarked for 2017/18 & Beyond	Lead Officer Update
	£000	£000	<u>£000</u>	£000	<u>£000</u>	
Youth Employment	70	20	0	70		Funding will be used to enhance core revenue budget in support of the Modern Apprenticeship scheme and Graduate support.
Flooding Strategy	14	0	0	0		Funding was originally for legal fees relating to discussions with Scottish Water on ownership of the Eastern Line of Falls. However, this is unlikely now to be required. It was agreed at the Environment & Regeneration Committee 1 September 2016 that £30k of this budget be reallocated towards the demolition of the former Babylon Nightclub. £14k remaining budget will be used for any remaining legal fees and title checks.
Greenock Town Centre Parking Strategy	9	9	0	9	0	Spend expected in November for Gourock Parking revisions.
Repopulating/Promoting Inverclyde	385	206	57	265	120	This relates to a number of different workstreams. £150k of works for Kilmacolm self build project were planned to have been completed by P5 however site start has been delayed 4 months. It is expected that spend will realign after that. £45k for Grand Prix boats included in actual to P5. The Repopulation Group have agreed to use the final £12,000 which was allocated to the mid-market housing initiative to develop the housing options 'wizard'. The spend will be over the next three months.
Employability Initiatives	411	0	0	200	211	Tenders completed, report to E&R Committee, contracts awarded.

EARMARKED RESERVES POSITION STATEMENT

COMMITTEE: Environment & Regeneration

<u>Project</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>Funding</u> 2016/17	<u>Phased Budget</u> <u>To Period 7</u> <u>2016/17</u>	<u>Actual</u> <u>To Period 7</u> <u>2016/17</u>	Projected Spend 2016/17	Amount to be Earmarked for 2017/18 & Beyond	Lead Officer Update
	£000	<u>£000</u>	<u>£000</u>	<u>£000</u>	<u>£000</u>	
Commonwealth Flotilla Event	123	73	0	113		Spend will be directed to creating a legacy from the sailing event undertaken to celebrate the Commonwealth Games. The legacy involves the relocation of pontoons used during the event to East India Harbour. Additional £50k funding from car pack aquisition CFCR. Contract now awarded, with work commencing end of October. Some work remains outstanding at this time, namely the installation of payment meter and gate opening mechanism, and water & power supply to the pontoon. Final retentions & fees will be released October 2017 (est £10k).
Roads Defects and Drainage works	468	80	10	268		Funding is for improved drainage maintenance and to reduce pothole backlog. Works are continuing with the majority of the work being carried out from August onwards. It is anticipated that £268k of works will be completed in 16/17 with the remaining funding being carried forward to 17/18.
City Deal	26	0	0	26		Required to meet anticipated share of Project Management Office Costs for 2015/17. Shortfall expected in 2016/17.
Town and Village Centre Environmental Improvements	500	30	7	50		Project is progressing as planned, just not incurred much in the way of fees yet.
Economic Development Initiatives	500	0	0	200		Money to be spent on Marketing, Modern Apprenticeships and graduates. Agreed at the E&R committee meeting on 27/10/2016 that intervention type would change from grant to direct intervention up to £120k of the 2016/17 EMR to facilitate lease opportunities and shopfront improvements.

EARMARKED RESERVES POSITION STATEMENT

COMMITTEE: Environment & Regeneration

<u>Project</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>Funding</u> 2016/17	<u>Phased Budget</u> <u>To Period 7</u> <u>2016/17</u>	<u>Actual</u> <u>To Period 7</u> <u>2016/17</u>	Projected Spend 2016/17	Amount to be Earmarked for 2017/18 & Beyond	Lead Officer Update
	<u>£000</u>	<u>£000</u>	<u>£000</u>	<u>£000</u>	<u>£000</u>	
Tourism & Events	150	0	0	50	100	Funding for tourism grants.
Pre Release Iniatives	200	0	0	40		Engagement meeting has taken place with Scottish Prison Service and the final details of the scheme have been agreed. Contract awarded.
Power Boat Grand Prix	50	0	0	0		Agreed at Environment & Regeneration Committee 1 September 2016, funded from Carpark acquistion earmarked reserve.
TS Queen Mary	30	0	0	30		Agreed at Environment & Regeneration Committee 1 September 2016, funded from Carpark acquistion earmarked reserve.
Total Category C to E	2,936	418	74	1,321	1,615	

VIREMENT REQUESTS

PERIOD 7: 1st April 2016 - 31st October 2016

Budget Heading		Increase Budget	(Decrease) Budget
		£	£
Parking - Income (PCN)	1		(70,000)
Parking - Management Allocation	1	20,000	
Parking - Rates	1	45,000	
Parking - Water Rates	1	5,000	
Roads Client - Management Allocation	2		(20,000)
Roads Client - Rates	2		(45,000)
Roads Client - Water Rates	2		(5,000)
Environmental - Residual Waste	2	70,000	
Janitors - Employee Costs	3		(25,000)
Catering - Provisions	3		(35,000)
Environmental - Residual Waste	3	60,000	
Total		200,000	(200,000)

<u>Note</u>

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- 2. Use the resultant underspends in the Roads Client budget to partially offset the Refuse Transfer Station residual waste pressure.
- 3. Use underspends in Facilities Management Janitors employee costs and Catering provisions to further offset the residual waste pressure.